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Art Unit 1644

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/017,524; Filed: February 3, 1998
For: **HLA Binding Peptides and Their Uses**
Inventors: **KUBO et al.**
Our Ref: 2060.005000B/HCC/PAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Consideration of Unpublished Copending Applications;
2. Copies of Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) citing unpublished copending applications; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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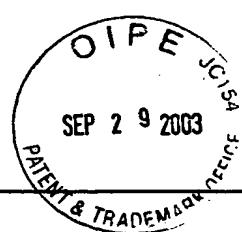
Further to our telephone conference, on September 26, 2003, during which the Examiner agreed to consider the unpublished copending applications previously filed on February 7, 2003, please find enclosed a copy of the forms PTO-1449 citing these documents. Copies of the copending applications are not being submitted herewith as they were previously provided. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-referenced applications and return an initialed copy of the enclosed forms PTO-1449 at his earliest convenience.

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